

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 2, 2011 (hereinafter, "Office Action") has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments considered. Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. No amendments are made herein.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-27 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-33 of USPN 7,179,244. Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome this double-patenting rejection in the interest of compact prosecution, but without conceding the propriety thereof. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the double patenting rejection of the claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Applicants submit herewith the fee associated with the terminal disclaimer. If further fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2191, under Order No. 101673.0057P4 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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